The Master of Research is a two-year program and is the main pathway to Macquarie’s Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) programs.

- In **Year 1** (BPhil) you will undertake advanced coursework units including the study of research frontiers in your area of study.
- **Year 2** (MRes) is a masters-level postgraduate research training program. You will specialise in research preparation and focus on a specific research topic, and will be required to submit a research thesis of 20,000 words.

**YEAR 1**

**Session 1 Units**

**Compulsory Faculty Unit**

FOAR701

*Research Paradigms*

This unit provides a broad overview of the research paradigms that characterise the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Through FOAR701:**
- The Faculty of Arts seeks to provide students with a constructive framework to recognise the possible contribution of diverse theoretical and disciplinary approaches.
- Students will learn to better recognise the assumptions that underpin diverse approaches, their strengths, and their relations to each other, especially to facilitate collaboration and the exchange of ideas.
- Students will have a strong grasp of the intellectual terrain across Arts disciplines, having become familiar with some of the core paradigms that have persisted in our fields, including through multiple variants over time.

**PLUS**

3 x Disciplinary and/or Transdisciplinary Units

**YEAR 1**

**Session 2 Units**

**Compulsory Unit**

MRES700

*Research Communications*

This unit aims to enable students to:
- communicate research effectively in different modes for different audiences;
- understand what it means to conduct and report responsibly in their discipline;
- participate in academic peer review practices; and
- appreciate the uses and relative merits of traditional and contemporary research communication practices.

**Compulsory Faculty Unit**

FOAR700

*Research Frontiers 1*

This unit is delivered by departments and provides an opportunity for students to engage with leading-edge research in their discipline. Students will acquire advanced disciplinary knowledge, know about how research is carried out in a disciplinary area and will demonstrate competence in the application of research skills to the disciplinary area.

**PLUS**

2 x Disciplinary and/or Transdisciplinary Units

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Cognitive Science
PHIL707 Research Topics in Philosophy and Cognitive Science

This unit explores some of the cutting edge research questions at the forefront of cognitive science and the philosophy of cognition. The unit will cover a range of issues in philosophy of mind and cognitive science concerning the relationship between culture and mind. Topics addressed include: Social Cognition, the Emotions, Narrative and the Self, Cultural Evolution of the mind and language and the nature of learning and the brain. The aim of the course is to introduce students to some of the most recent debates ongoing in the philosophy of mind and the cognitive sciences.

Session 1: Day & External
Dr Karola Stotz, karola.stotz@mq.edu.au

SESSION 2
PHIL702 Research Topics in Mind and World - The Philosophy of Race and Racism

Is race real? What do we even mean by ‘race’? What is racism, and why do we do assume that wrong? And what do these questions really mean for the many social issues that arise in relation to race and racism? In this course, we shall look at these and related questions by examining recent research from philosophy of race and racism. We shall look at the best arguments for social-kind theories of race, error theories of race, and also recent claims that science does, in fact, establish the reality of race. We shall also examine particular theories of what racism is and why we should think it is wrong. Throughout the course, we will apply our understanding of these metaphysical and semantic issues to such moral and social issues as racial profiling, affirmative action programs, race specific medicine, and racial language. Useful Background Readings: Atkin, Albert. (2012). The Philosophy of Race. Routledge.

Session 2: Day & External
Dr Albert Atkin, albert.atkin@mq.edu.au

PHIL704 Research Topics in Modern European Philosophy

In this unit, we explore the significance and legacy of one of the most influential texts of modern European Philosophy, Hegel’s Elements of the Philosophy of Rights, published in 1820. The unit follows a dual pattern. First, we conduct an in-depth reading, section by section, of the main parts of the book, to extract its most original and substantive arguments. Following each section’s thematic focus, we also seek to locate Hegel’s ideas within classical social and political theory, and to outline their impact on subsequent generations of thinkers. The main issues studied are: Hegel’s alternative definition of freedom, between negative and positive freedom; his alternative approach to justice, between liberalism and republicanism; human rights; political sovereignty and citizenship; the relationship between economic and political institutions; the conception of democracy.

Session 2: Day & External
A/Prof Jean-Philippe Deranty, jp.deranty@mq.edu.au

PHIL706 Research Topics in Ethics

This unit will examine contemporary research in ethics, moral psychology, applied ethics or political philosophy. The unit will focus on current ‘hot’ topics of research in one of these sub-disciplinary fields and will pay attention to the impact of empirical advances on these topics. The topics chosen will align with the research projects and expertise of faculty members. Examples of areas that might be explored include: the philosophy and psychology of emotions; neuroethics; moral cognition, moral responsibility and criminal responsibility; vulnerability, autonomy and justice; clinical ethics. Students will develop an in-depth knowledge of the major debates relevant to the topic, and acquire the necessary research skills for pursuing their own research project.

Session 2: Day & External
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